

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 2, 2006. Applicants amend Claims 1 and 3, and cancel Claim 2. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Applicants note with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that Claims 11-15, 17-19, 21, 22, 24 and 25 are directed to allowable subject matter and that Claims 2, 3, 5, 6 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Claim 1 is amended to include all limitations of Claim 2, which the Office Action indicates as being directed to allowable subject matter. Thus, Applicants, respectfully contend that Claim 1 is in condition for allowance. Each of claims 3-9 depend from Claim 1, either directly or indirectly. Thus Applicant's respectfully contend that claims 3-9 are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant's respectfully contend that all pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Applicant's respectfully request that the Examiner enter this amendment and issue a Notice of Allowance, since this amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

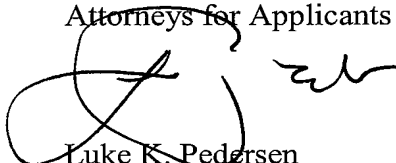
Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other apparent reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending Claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe no fee is due. However, should there be a fee discrepancy, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. **02-0384** of **Baker Botts L.L.P.**

Respectfully submitted,

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